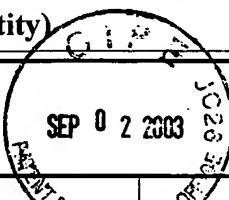


PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)
(Large Entity)

Docket No.

XA-9591

In Re Application Of: Hiroshi SEKINE



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12/05/2001

Examiner
Gregory John BINDA

Group Art Unit
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TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of April 1, 2003 above-identified application.

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

One month Two months Three months Four months Five months

from: July 1, 2003 until: Sept. 1, 2003
Date

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The fee for the extension of time is \$410 and is to be paid as follows:

- A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 501165
- A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 501165
- A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Signature

Dated: September 2, 2003

(Sept. 1, 2003, being Labor Day –
a Government holiday)

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I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on September 2, 2003 with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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